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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement is being submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office bearing a mailing date of March 15, 2007. A response to the March 15, 2007 Office Action is due April 15, 2007. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement is being timely filed.

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**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.